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Michael Tilchin, P.E., Director USEPA Global Program CH2M Hill 555 11th Street NW Suite 525 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Tilchin:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend your staff for their outstanding work related to the Bridgeport Rental and Oil Services (BROS) site located in Logan Township, New Jersey. More specifically, Mr. Ken McGill of your Philadelphia, Pennsylvania office has lead the CH2M Hill team in providing technical services to EPA for over fifteen years for the site. I have been personally involved with this site since 1986.

In his role as project manager, Mr. McGill has been involved in many different activities related to investigations and remediation of the BROS site. Between 1992 and 1996, CH2M Hill performed confirmation sampling as part of the Bridgeport Lagoon Cleanup. Sampling was performed in Level B personal protection under a variety of adverse field conditions. Quick turnaround analytical data was processed and interpreted by CH2M Hill engineers enabling the government to maintain an ambitious excavation schedule.

Currently, CH2M Hill is providing technical oversight of the Settling Defendants performance of a complex remedial investigation and feasibility study to address contamination of the groundwater and nearby wetlands. In 1993, under the leadership of Mr. McGill, a conceptual hydrologic and contaminant transport model was developed for the site and accepted by EPA. Later investigation and modeling work performed by the Settling Defendants confirmed all aspects of the model.

In their support role, Mr. McGill and his staff reviewed a number of technical documents including the Groundwater/Soils Field Data Summary, Water Budget and Treatability Study reports. They further supported EPA's objectives by observing and reporting the Settling Defendants performance during monitoring well installation, pumping tests, and geophysical work.

Much of the project work required completing complex technical activities on ambitious schedules within limited budgets. Mr. McGill has been exceptional in meeting project schedules and communicating with the EPA management team. He has done an exemplary job fully utilizing the CH2M Hill resources to accomplish the work. In fact, the CH2M Hill project team has numerous performance ratings of "Outstanding" and "Exceeds Expectations" during performance evaluations conducted by EPA under the REM IV and ARCS 2 contracts. More recently, the team has been working under a contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The decision to maintain CH2M Hill on this project for such a long period of time is tangible recognition of the exceptional value your firm brings to the project.

In closing, I would like to thank Mr. McGill and the entire CH2M Hill project team for their outstanding performance on the Bridgeport project. There is no question, that the continuity of key personnel has contributed a great deal to the success of the project.

Sincerely yours,

Don Lynch, P.E., Leader

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